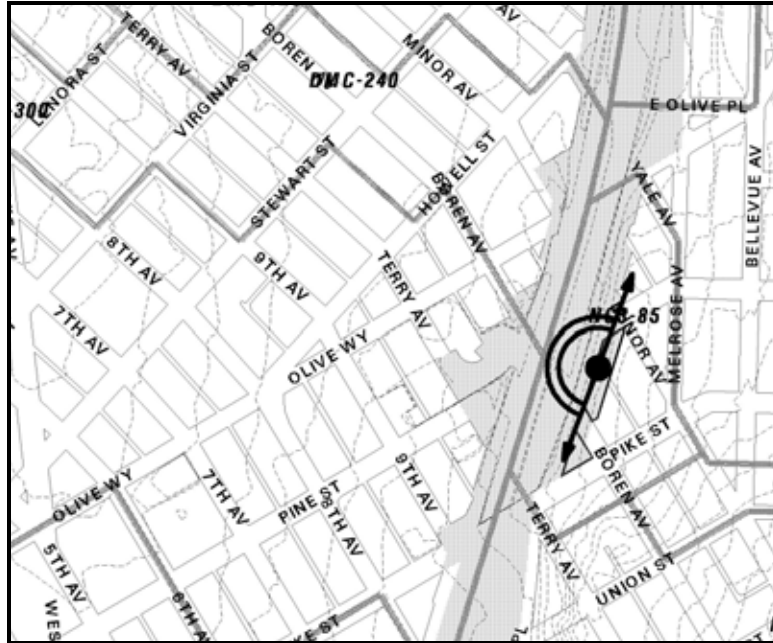


Boren-Pike-Pine Park (Four Columns)

Boren Avenue between Pike and Pine Streets



LOCATION AND VIEWPOINT CATEGORY

This downtown urban park also serves as a neighborhood park for the Pike-Pine neighborhood. There is a panoramic view of the down town skyline and framed views of the space needle and secondary views of the Olympic mountains. Vegetation currently obscures approximately 20% of the intended view.

SUMMARY OF EXISTING CONDITIONS

The Washington State Department of Transportation maintains some of the trees growing along the I-5 corridor. Though there are some deciduous seedlings from the native species, Big Leaf Maple, the majority of trees obscuring views are Black Pines growing on DOT land. Easy access to the hillside from the park.

Heavy park use and a declining landscape have left about 30-40% of the soil exposed, especially along the crest of the slope in Zone 2. Plans are underway to renovate the plantings within Zone 1, the developed park landscape within the next year. Care should be given to include groundcovers and erosion control fabric on slopes greater than 30%.

Invasive weeds have inhabited the understory with Himalayan Blackberry, English Ivy and Big Leaf maple saplings.

MANAGEMENT PRESCRIPTIONS

A. MAINTENANCE FOR EXISTING CONDITIONS

Category 2 – Tree Pruning and Invasive Weed Removal

Procedures:

1. Prune trees using ANSI 300 standards
2. Remove invasive weeds
3. Erosion control

4. Plant Zone 2 - transition hedges and groundcovers
5. Mulch eroded areas and new plantings
6. Water to establish new plantings

B. GENERAL MAINTENANCE PRACTICES

Maintain landscape within viewshed on a 5-year cycle:

- Physical and chemical removal of weeds
- Removal of Big Leaf Maple saplings
- Managing exposed soil with additional planting, erosion control matting and mulching
- Control of adjacent vegetation i.e. ivy from DOT
- Removal of dead, declining and diseased trees
- Pruning for form, shape and to prohibit view obstruction using ANSI 300 standards

View management locations:

Zone 1 - Developed park landscape

Zone 2 - Transition area at the crest of the slope

Zone 3 - Hillside

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Priority 2

Improving views by pruning is a 'secondary priority' because of the amount of viewshed currently present on the site.

Phasing

Phase 1 - Restore Zone 1 – Develop Park Landscape using CPTED guidelines

Phase 2 - Prune pines

Eradicate invasive weeds and saplings

Plant eroded areas with groundcover and plant Zone 2 transition hedge between fence and top of slope

Labor Sources (UF- Urban Forestry Staff, PM – Park Maintenance Staff)

Contractor, UF, and/or volunteers:

-physical removal of weeds

UF staff:

-prune and remove trees

Contractor or UF staff:

-apply erosion control mats,

Contractor, UF and/or volunteers:

-planting and mulching

Park Maintenance staff:

-prune shrubs and small trees,
control adjacent vegetation

Boren-Pike-Pine Viewpoint (Four Columns Park)

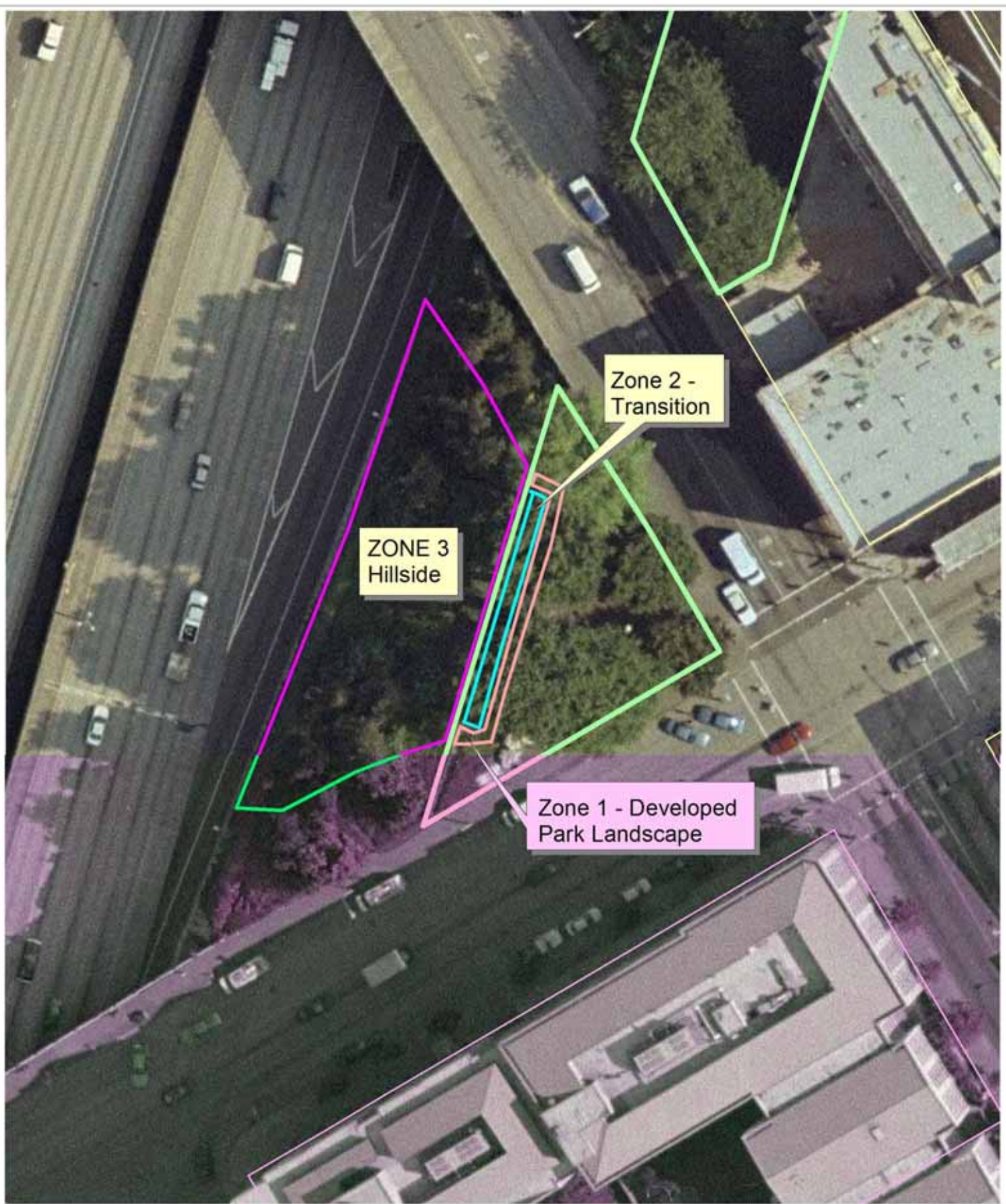
Transition planting needed at
top of slope



View of Space Needle

Obstructed view of
Downtown Seattle
from the park





LEGEND Boren-Pike-Pine Viewpoint (Four Columns Park)

LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT ZONES

- Zone 1 Developed Park Landscape
- Zone - 2 Transition
- Zone 3 - Hillside
- Parks bnd
- Parcel.shp



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